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1. CODEL FINALLY TAKES OFF (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

CODEL REUSS, ACCOMPANIED BY STAPE ROY AND LYNN PASCOE
BUT NOT FRANK MOORE, FINALLY GOT OFF THE GROUND THIS
MORNING (MARCH 23). HAN HSU, WHO ENTERTAINED THE GROUP LAST
NIGHT, WAS ON HAND AT THE AIRPORT, AS WAS I. CHARACTER-
ISTICALLY, WE DIDN'T KNOW FOR SURE WHO WOULD BE ON THE PLANE
UNTIL YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. FINAL LIST: CONGRESSMAN REUSS
AND SENATOR BENTSEN (CO-LEADERS), SENATOR CHILES, CON-
GRESSMEN MICHEL, LONG, AND LEHMAN, THEIR WIVES, ROY,
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PASCOE, AND FRAN HESS OF A.

2. NEW POLITICAL COUNSELOR (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

THE NEW PRCLO POLITICAL COUNSELOR, TSAO KUEI-SHENG,
ARRIVED THIS WEEK ALMOST FIVE MONTHS AFTER THE DEPARTURE OF
HIS PREDECESSOR. TSAO'S LAST POST WAS PHNOM PENH. HE

PREVIOUSLY SERVED UNDER HUANG HUA IN ACCRA AND HUANG CHEN IN PARIS. HE WAS IN PARIS DURING THE PERIOD WHEN DON ANDERSON HANDLED THE PARIS "CHINA CHANNEL" AND DON KNEW HIM

WELL. HE IS PAYING A COURTESY CALL ON ME ON FRIDAY AND DON WILL SIT IN AS THE PRC DEPUTY-DESIGNATE. HE WILL CALL ON BILL GLEYSTEN NEXT WEEK.

3. PRCLO FAMILY AFFAIR (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

HAN HSU AND PRCLO STAFF LAST FRIDAY ENTERTAINED PRCM STAFF AND FAMILIES, PLUS THE OKSENBERGS, THE ROMBERGS, THE BILL CLARKES (COMMERCE), AND A FEW OTHERS, WITH A PRE-CULTURAL REVOLUTION CARTOON (2 HOURS') AND BUFFET. HAN AND COLLEAGUES WERE ON THEIR BEST BEHAVIOR--INFORMAL, AFFABLE AND GIVING RELAXED--EVEN IF NOT PARTICULARLY INFORMATIVE--ANSWERS TO MIKE'S AND MY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE NPC.

4. GE INVITED TO CANTON TRADE FAIR (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

GENERAL ELECTRIC, WHICH HAS BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN INVITATIONS TO THE LAST TWO CANTON TRADE FAIRS BECAUSE OF ITS MEMBERSHIP ON THE US-ROC TRADE COUNCIL, RECEIVED AN INVITATION FROM PRCLO THIS WEEK TO ATTEND THE SPRING FAIR. PRCLO EXTENDED THE INVITATION IN THE COURSE OF DISCUS-

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SIONS HELD WITH GE TO EXPLORE PRC INTEREST IN BUYING HEAVY DUTY INDUSTRIAL GAS TURBINES FOR LAND AND MARINE USE.

5. PRE-CANTON FAIR BRIEFING SCRUBBED (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

LACK OF RESPONSE HAS FORCED THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR US-CHINA TRADE TO CANCEL ITS REGULAR PRE-CANTON FAIR BRIEFING MARCH 22 IN NEW YORK. SCOTT HALLFORD HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AND PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING. BY CONTRAST, A DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE "DOING BUSINESS IN CHINA" BRIEFING HERE ON APRIL 5 HAS BEEN OVERSUBSCRIBED WITH MORE THAN 100 ACCEPTANCES.

6. AUCOIN SOLICITS ENDORSEMENTS FOR HIS BILL (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

CONGRESSMAN LES AUCOIN (D-ORE.), WHO HAS INTRODUCED LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PERMIT EXTENSION OF EXIMBANK-BACKED CREDITS TO THE PRC, HAS WRITTEN LETTERS TO COMMERCE, TREASURY, AND THE DEPARTMENT INVITING ENDORSEMENT OF HIS INITIATIVE. IN OUR OWN LETTER AND IN THE COMMERCE AND

TREASURY VERSIONS AS WELL, WE ARE MAINTAINING OUR PREVIOUS
POSITION: WE ARE SYMPATHETIC TO AUCCOIN'S INTENTIONS BUT
WE DO NOT THINK THE BILL WOULD HAVE PRACTICAL BENEFITS AND
THEREFORE CAN NOT SUPPORT IT. VANCE

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